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Tangier, Octob. 29. 1680.

NOt to trouble you with an account of every days proceeding since the last that was made publick, though it would afford so many more instances of the great Care, Vigilance and Conduct of our late Governour Sir *Palmes Fairborne*, as well as of the Enemies Resolution to press this Place, we will begin this Relation from the day on which Sir *Palmes* received his Mortal Wound.

The 24th Instant in the Morning our Governour was from a Line of the Enemies unfortunately shot in the Body, as he was giving Directions for breaking of Ground upon a little Eminence to the left of the Spur under *Peterborough Tower*, by which Work he designed to amuse the Enemy: who threupon taking encouragement from the fall of Sir *Palmes*, or contemning the small Guard that was drawn out, made a very bold Sally out of their old Trenches, with which they had environed *Charles-Fort*, which the Spanish Officer at the head of 50 Horse (the 200 Spanish Horse being arrived some days before) observing, very bravely charged them, and forced them back into their Trenches, pursuing them to their very Line; from whence in his retreat they much galled him, killing him both Men and Horses, and making a second Sally with a greater number, (some of their Horse being likewise come up to assist them) which so little discouraged the Spaniards, that they renewed the Charge, and forced the Moors a second time into their Trenches, and then retired, and drew up upon the Ground where they were first posted, by which time they were re-inforced by our English Horse and more Foot, which

which the Enemy perceiving thought not fit to attempt any thing further. In this Action was killed and wounded eight or ten Spaniards, and as many Horſes, a Captain in the Scotch Regiment mortally wounded with ſeven or eight private Soldiers.

The 25th, we perceived the Enemy had brought a Trench ſo very near our Stockade at *Pole-Fort*, on that ſide that looks towards *Ann Fort*, that they had taken encouragement from thence to begin a Gallery in order to a Mine, the Ground being very commodious for it, and had likewiſe brought their Cannon to our old Place of Arms, being but a Piſtol-ſhot from the Fort, which progreſs and bold Proceedings of theirs, put Colonel *Sackville* (who ſucceeded Sir *Palmes Fairborne* in his Command) upon calling a Council of War, to conſult what was fit to be done, for that it appeared that without ſome extraordinary Action our new Work would be quickly in ſome diſtreſs; and in purſuance of the Reſolutions that were then taken,

On Wedneſday the 27, by three of the Clock in the morning, the Gariſon was in Arms, and ſuch care was taken, that as well in drawing together our Men, as in their march out of the Town, ſo great a ſilence was obſerved, that although the Enemy had had Perdues under our very Walls, they could not have taken the leaſt Alarm; our Foot was diſpoſed into ſix Battalions, one of which was compoſed of Seamen, under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Herbert*, and commanded under him by Major *Barclay*, the other Battalions being commanded by Major *Hacket*, Major *Boynton*, Captain *Giles*, Captain *Bowes*, and Captain *Spot*, the whole Party of Foot conſiſting of about 1500 Men; The Horſe, being ſeven Troops, amounting to 300, were commanded, the *Engliſh* by Captain *Neatby*, Captain *Coy*, and Captain *Langſton*; the *Spaniſh* by *Don Salvador de Montforte*, *Don Manrique de Moronia* (who commands two Troops) and *Don Fernanda Penatela*. To amuſe and divert the Enemy, the Horſe belonging to the Mole, amounting to about 50, were ordered with Riders and a Trumpet at the head of them to march to the Spur at *Peterborough-Tower*, where we pitched ſeveral Colours, and had Drums appointed to beat a ſtrong Alarm, Captain *Makenny* with the Town-Horſe marching at the head of them. On the other ſide in the Bay where the Enemy had a Battery of 8 or 9 Guns Admiral *Herbert* had appointed all the Boats of the Fleet with Waſte-cloaths and Colours, to make ſhew as if they intended to attempt their Cannon; both which deſigns, eſpecially the latter, took very good effect, drawing a good number of the Enemy from their Trenches, which appeared by their pitching their Colours all along the Coaſts, and firing at the Boats. A particular Attack was likewiſe ordered to be made out of *Pole-Fort* by 150 Men, under the command of Captain *Lundy* and Captain *Hume*, upon the neareſt Trench, where the Moors had begun a Gallery, in order to the Mineing the Fort; in which Sally Mr. *Sheres*, His Majeſties Surveyor-General, to whoſe Valour and Advice much of our good ſucceſs is to be attributed, was preſent.

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The Horſe marched firſt out of *Catherine Fort*, and drew up in the Stockade juſt before it, then the Foot, and drew up according to the direction of Colonel *Sackville*, which was performed with ſo great ſilence, that the whole Party was almoſt drawn up, before the Moors took the Alarm. The diſpoſition of the ſeveral Diviſions, Advanced-Parties, and Reſerves both of Horſe and Foot was ordered in the moſt proper and Soldier-like manner the ground would permit, and the Poſts that were to be attacked required. When the Party was ready to advance, Colonel *Sackville* gave the Signal to the Fort, from whence the Attack beforementioned upon the Enemies Gallery was to be firſt made; Major *Beckman* the Ingineer Marched out with them to give directions about demoliſhing the Enemies Work, and ſtopping their Mine; The Attack proved a hot and very bloody piece of ſervice, by reaſon of the Enemies having a greater Guard there than ordinary; the two Captains that commanded were immediately carried off dangerouſly wounded, as were moſt of the other Officers, among which was Lieutenant *Robinſon*, and had not the Reſerve come timely to their relief, that Party had run great hazard of being cut off. By this time the whole Body was engaged, the Enemy very ſtubbornly diſputing every Line and Trench wherein we attacked them, coming to Puſh of Pike, and handy-blows in ſeveral places; The particularities of every Action is hard to ſet down; but after we had beaten them from their new Trenches, we advanced to the old Line, where our Forts formerly ſtood, which was performed with great loſs on our ſide (there being not above 50 Men left in one of the Battalions of my Lord *Inchiquin*'s Regiment) and at length by levelling the Trenches made a paſſage for the Horſe, through which Captain *Neatby* with his Troop advanced upon the Enemy, as did likewiſe *Don Salvador de Monforte*, and *Don Manrique de Moronia*, with theirs, who found a paſſage a little more to the Right; upon which the Moors turned their Backs, and betook themſelves to flight from all quarters, being purſued by our Horſe and Foot, who made very great ſlaughter among them; Many of their Horſe performed very daringly for the reſcue of their Foot, among which ſeveral of their principal Men fell We purſued them ſcattered like Sheep at leaſt a Mile into the Country, killing ſeveral of them in the very Camp among their Tents. We took two pieces of Cannon, five Colours, ſeveral Priſoners, and had taken many more had they not refuſed quarter, and killed by computation about 500. After our Horſe and Foot were retreated within our old Lines, which we poſſeſſed from *James* to *Monmouth Fort*, we fell to filling and levelling their Trenches, wherein we buried many of their Dead, who very bravely loſt their lives in the defence of them; we alſo took in an advantageous ſpot of ground to our new Fortifications, which we fortified with a good Stockade, from whence we diſcover the Bottom, where the Enemy before lay in Covert from the Fort, and where they had begun their Gallery in order to their Mine, which about three of the Clock was finiſhed, and then we retreated and marched into the Town in very good order, the Enemy contrary to their cuſtom permitting us to retire

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without the leaſt diſturbance. Some hours after died Sir *Palmes Fairborne* our Governour, having firſt had the ſatisfaction to hear of our ſucceſs, whoſe loſs is very much lamented by the whole Gariſon.

In the mean time ſuch of the Enemies dead that remained unburied, being laid together near *Catherine Port*, Colonel *Sackville* our preſent Commander, writ to the *Alcayde*, offering him leave to bury them: He, or ſome body for him (for it is uncertain yet whether he be living or dead) returned a very civil Anſwer, and accordingly the Moors fetcht off the Bodies, (and brought three of ours that remained in the Field) in a a very melancholly manner, examining ſeveral Heads with great care, many whereof they wrapt up in clean Linnen; by which we diſcovered they were Men of Note among them. One of them that fell we conclude to be the *Alcayde*'s Brother by ſeveral Papers that were found about him.

This is the fulleſt Account we can as yet give you of ſo glorious an Action, which, though much is due to the Conduct and Bravery of Colonel *Sackville*, Vice-Admiral *Herbert*, and all the Officers, as well as to the undaunted Courage of the Soldiers, and among them the *Spaniſh* Horſe, who all in their ſeveral Poſts behaved themſelves with as much Gallantry, as could poſſibly be ſhown by Men, yet muſt wholly be aſcri- to the Divine Aſſiſtance and Protection, without which it would have been impoſſible for ſuch a handful of men to have perform'd what they did, having attacked and defeated ſo numerous and daring Enemies, purſued them a mile together, levelled and filled up their Lines and Trenches, Demoliſhed all their other Works, and taken Cannon, Colours and Priſoners, the marks of an Entire Victory: Of which Lieutenant-Colonel *Talmaſh*, who was a ſharer in the danger and honor of it, is gone for *England* to give his Majeſtie a particular Relation.

LIST of the Killed and Wounded.

In the Battallion of Guards.

Lieutenant *Robinſon* ſhot through the Arm and the Body, and 51 private Soldiers wounded, and ſeven killed.

In the Earl of *Dumbarton*'s Regiment.

Captain *Forbus* killed three days before this Action.
Captain *Julius Lockart*
Captain *Robert Lundy*
Captain *George Hume*
Captain *Ro. Douglas*
Captain *Hen. Porey*
} wounded.
Lieutenant *Scot* killed.

Lieutenant

Lieutenant *William Gaſcocke*
Lieutenant *Geo. Murray*
Lieutenant *Alex. Ennis*
Lieutenant *Charles Corſon*
Lieutenant *Geo. Baineſman* } wounded.
Lieutenant *James Mac Rohen*
Lieutenant *Jam. Stuart*
Lieutenant *John Aukmooty*
Lieutenant *Gilbert Butler* } reformed Officers, killed.
Enſign *Dan. Farrel* killed.
Enſign *Archibald Murray* killed.
Enſign *John Mowaſt* wounded.
Lieutenant *Alexander St. Leger*
Enſign *John Bell*
Enſign *Hen. Rue* } reformed Officers, killed.
Six Sergeants killed and mortally wounded.
Private Soldiers 30 killed, 100 wounded.

In Earl *Inchiquin's* Regiment.

Captain *Philpott* dangerouſly ſhot in the Knee.
Lieutenant *Guy*
Lieutenant *Tate*
Enſign *Roberts* dangerouſly wounded in the Thigh
Enſign *Thomas*
Enſign *Fitzpatrick*
Enſign *Webſter*
Enſign *Norwood*
Enſign *Beckford*
Enſign *Elliot* } wounded.
Enſign *Watſon*
Enſign *Trant* } killed.
Private Soldiers 34 killed, 124 wounded.

Of Vice-Admiral *Herbert's* Battallion.

Captain *Dungon* killed.
Lieutenant *White* killed.
Ten private Soldiers killed, two Serjeants, and 22 private Souldiers wounded.

Of the Spaniſh Horſe.

In the Troop of Don *Salvador de Monforte*, his Cornet and two others killed; Three Reformed Officers, and 17 private Soldiers wounded; Twelve Horſes killed, and as many wounded.

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In Don *Antonio Peyatelo*'s Troop.

Two private Soldiers killed, and three wounded; Three Horſes killed, and three wounded.

In the two Troops of Don *Manrique de Moronia.*

The Lieutenant, Cornet, and a reformed Officer, with ten private Soldiers wounded, and nine killed; eight Horſes killed, and eight wounded.

Engliſh Horſe.

In Captain *Neatby*'s Troops, Lieutenant *Capel* wounded in the Right Arm; Cornet *Windham* ſhot in the Right Arm, which is cut off; Five private Soldiers wounded; nine Horſes, wounded, and five killed.

In all, ſeven Commiſſion Officers, killed.

Wounded, whereof many Mortally, 24.

Non-Commiſſion Officers, and private Soldiers, 90 killed.

Wounded, whereof a third part Mortally, 348.

Horſes killed 41. Wounded 54.

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